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Government agricultural coconut farm at Kasaragod.

*643 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of the Government agricultural coconut farm at Kasaragod in South Kanara district;

(b) the cost of the acquisition of the site;

(c) the total capital outlay so far under various headings;

(d) the annual expenditure on the same under different heads;

(e) the annual yield from year to year;

(f) the total number of trees yielding and non-yielding; and

(g) the net gain or loss?

A.—(a) 25·32 acres.

(b) Rs. 19,967–4–1.

(c), (d) & (e) Three statements [a] furnishing the figures called for are laid on the table.

(f) There are 1,255 bearing trees and 491 seedlings at present.

(g) The station is purely an experimental one and so should not be expected to pay. Nevertheless the station at the present moment is running at a profit. The net gain in 1927–28 was Rs. 558–5–7.

Admission of candidates from Ceded districts into the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

*644 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of applicants with their qualifications who applied this year from the Ceded districts for admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore and those selected for admission from out of them?

A.—The total number of applications received from the Ceded districts this year for admission into the Agricultural College at Coimbatore was twenty. Only eighteen applicants presented themselves before the Selection Committee and three candidates were selected. All the applicants were Intermediates in Arts and Science.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know, Sir, why the other fifteen applicants were rejected? They were intermediates in Arts and Science."

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Candidates from various parts of the Presidency have to be selected so as to give representation to the different areas."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Does he consider that three candidates for four districts is a proper proportion?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"That is what the Selection Committee thought."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I enquire whether the hon. Minister will consider the grant of increased representation for the Ceded districts?"

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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"If the number of candidates is on the whole increased, Ceded districts would have a proportionate increase."

Mr. C. OBI REDDI:—"May I know whether the rejected candidates belong to the land-owning class?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"I do not know, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what percentage of the total number of demonstrators belongs to the Ceded districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Admission of two Mappilla orphan boys into the Government Agricultural Middle School, Taliparamba.

*645 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Agricultural Department have received any application from the management of the I.D.T. Islam Orphanage at Calicut, requesting them to admit two Mappilla orphan boys every year into the Government Agricultural Middle School, Taliparamba, for training in agriculture;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken whether the Government will consider the question of admitting into the said school two Mappilla orphans from the said orphanage?

A.—(a) In March 1926 the Secretary, I.D.T. Islam, sent an application for admission of two boys from the orphanage into the Agricultural Middle School, Taliparamba.

(b) Two Mappilla boys from the I.D.T. Islam Orphanage were admitted in 1926 and two more in 1927. No admission was sought in 1928.

(c) Does not arise.

Alleged complaints about cooking arrangements in the Agricultural Middle School at Taliparamba.

*646 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether some Mappilla boys sought admission into the Government Agricultural Middle School at Taliparamba and whether they had to leave the school as they were asked to take meals prepared by a non-Muslim cook;

(b) what is the total number of boys, Brahmans, Nayars and non-caste Hindus and Muslims in the school;

(c) whether it is a fact that separate cooking arrangements are provided for caste Hindus and non-caste Hindus;

(d) whether it is a fact that very serious caste prejudices prevail in the institution as the Muslim boys and other non-caste Hindus are made to receive their food at kitchen door and clean their plates themselves; and

(e) whether the Deputy Director has received any complaint about the same and if so, what action has been taken by him to remove them?